

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
MOI 162

In Re Application Of: Kevin J. Law, et al.

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Invention: A Retainer For Buttressing An Element And A Method For Producing The Retainer

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 01/08/2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: 4/08/2004                      until: 5/08/2004  
*Date*    *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.  
☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

Dated:

*Signature*

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 5/6/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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